

# News from the FPPC

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## FPPC Enforcement Decisions: August 16, 2007

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Thursday, August 16, 2007. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of any administrative fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the August agenda on the FPPC website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions proposed to the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and proposed default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

### Campaign Reporting Violations

#### **Michael S. Carona, Friends of Mike Carona, and Lesley Ann Stoll**

Orange County Sheriff Michael S. Carona, his controlled committee Friends of Mike Carona, and its treasurer Lesley Ann Stoll, failed to report officeholder expenditures as non-monetary contributions where the expenditures were made with Carona's personal funds and were not reimbursed within a 90-day period. They also failed to correctly report their expenditures and balance of on-hand cash and cash equivalents. **\$15,000**

#### **Robert Huff, Taxpayers for Bob Huff, and Mei Mei Huff**

Robert Huff, 60th Assembly District (Los Angeles County) representative, his committee Taxpayers for Bob Huff, and campaign treasurer Mei Mei Huff failed to electronically file reports disclosing the receipt of loans to the committee totaling \$184,000 and failed to timely file a candidate statement of intention. **\$7,000**

#### **Steve Padilla, Friends of Steve Padilla 2002, and Donald Wroe**

Steve Padilla was a member of the Chula Vista City Council from 1994 through 2002 and Donald Wroe was the treasurer of Friends of Steve Padilla 2002. In September 2002, they received multiple cash contributions over \$100 each, totaling \$2,850. **\$4,000**

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**James C. Ledford, Jr. and Committee to Re-elect Jim Ledford**

James C. Ledford, Jr. and the Committee to Re-elect Jim Ledford failed to disclose three late non-monetary contributions totaling approximately \$15,000 made to Steve Hofbauer, Raul Figueroa, and Robert "Bo" Bynum, in November 2003. **\$3,500**

**Statements of Economic Interests**

California law requires elected officials, certain board members and governmental employees, and consultants employed by governmental entities to fill out Statements of Economic Interests (SEIs or Form 700s). SEIs serve a dual purpose: they make a filer aware of personal economic interests relative to a governmental decision, and they are an important disclosure document for the public and media.

The following individuals failed to file their Statement of Economic Interests forms on time or omitted required information:

**John Kambish**, a member of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Deferred Compensation Committee, failed to timely file his 2005 annual SEI. **\$100**

**Dan Medina**, a member of the City of Gardena Public Improvement Corporation, failed to timely file his 2005 annual SEI. **\$100**

**Khristina Horn**, commissioner of the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women, failed to timely file her assuming office SEI. **\$100**

**George Chavez**, alternate commissioner of the Strawberry Commission, failed to timely file his 2005 annual SEI. **\$250**

**G. Tyler Nelson**, member of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, failed to timely file his 2005 annual SEI. **\$100**

**Late Contribution**

When contributions of \$1,000 or more are made or received during the final days of an election—the time between the last campaign report required to be filed and the end of the election—late contribution reports must be filed within 24 hours of making the “late” contribution.

The following failed to file late contribution reports as required by the Political Reform Act:

**Jeanette A. King** of Livermore, failed to timely disclose \$19,000 in late contributions. **\$2,850**

**Thoroughbred Owners of California Purse Support Fund** of Del Mar, failed to timely disclose \$50,000 in late contributions. **\$3,500**

**John McNellis** of Palo Alto, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**Kurt Ohms** of Palo Alto, failed to timely disclose \$25,000 in late contributions totaling. **\$3,500**

**Lytle Development Co. & Affiliated Entities** of Anaheim Hills, failed to timely disclose \$15,000 in late contributions. **\$2,250**

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**Flextronics International USA, Inc.** of San Jose, failed to timely disclose \$25,000 in late contributions. **\$3,500**

**Bob Filner for Congress** of San Diego, failed to timely disclose \$25,000 in late contributions. **\$3,500**

**Visa U.S.A. , Inc.** of Washington, DC, failed to timely disclose \$25,000 in late contributions. **\$3,750**

**Jamie B. Coulter** of Dallas, Texas, failed to timely disclose \$15,000 in late contributions. **\$2,250**

**J. Holley Taylor** of Gainesville, Florida, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**Claire A. Van Konynenburg** of Pacific Palisades, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**D. Michael Van Konynenburg** of Pacific Palisades, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**Dan Richard** of Piedmont, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**Colorado Commons, LLC** of Los Angeles, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**Public Financial Management, Inc.** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, failed to timely disclose \$10,000 in late contributions. **\$1,500**

**Lenny Mendonca** of Montara, failed to timely disclose \$16,450 in late contributions. **\$2,467.50**

**Mary-Jane Wagle** of Los Angeles, failed to timely disclose \$13,050 in late contributions. **\$1957.50**

### **Major Donor**

A major donor is a person or entity who makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year and is required to file campaign reports detailing how much was contributed and to whom.

The following failed to file major donor reports as required by law:

**State Farm Insurance Companies** failed to timely file a semi-annual major donor campaign statement electronically by the January 31, 2005, deadline. **\$3,000**

**Lundgren Management Corporation** of Valencia, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$15,000 in 2006. **\$400**

**Thomas W. Sudberry, Jr. & Sudberry Properties, Inc.** of San Diego, failed to timely file semiannual campaign statements disclosing contributions totaling \$39,175 in 2005. **\$952.79**

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**Flextronics International USA, Inc.** of San Jose, failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements disclosing contributions totaling \$50,000 in 2005. **\$800**

**Bob Filner for Congress** of San Diego, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$25,000 in 2005. **\$400**

**Roma B. Wittcoff** of Scottsdale, Arizona, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$100,000 in 2005. **\$1,800**

**Antonios M. Kounalakis** of Woodside, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$22,300 in 2005. **\$400**

**Mark Gorenberg** of San Francisco, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$31,100 in 2004. **\$400**

**CommerceWest Bank** of Irvine, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$10,000 in 2006. **\$400**

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